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Applicants assert that the pages were in fact deposited in the USPTO with the application papers. Applicants deposited the above referenced US patent application on April 3, 2001, with the United States Postal Service in an Express Mail Envelope No. ET 214484176 US. The application included 86 total pages in the specification.

As evidence that these pages were indeed received by the USPTO, Applicants enclose a copy of the mailroom dated-stamped return postcard indicating that the USPTO received a specification including 86 pages on April 3, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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